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Dear Mr. Yamaoka:

Thank you for your letter of May 6. I was very happy to have the opportunity to meet you on your recent trip to Washington, and to talk over the problems of the Nisei.

I appreciate, as you probably understand, the necessity for publicity to control public opinion, and for your information, an effort is being made to exploit the loyalty of those Japanese Americans who are assisting in the war effort. Unfortunately, there are times when the articles put out by the War Department are not utilized by the news services except under local conditions. It is my opinion, however, that progress in the exploiting of the good points of the Nisei is being made, and I am confident that as time goes along their position will become more understood by the public generally.

You undoubtedly saw notice of the Chandler Committee report on the relocation centers. In the course of presenting the report, which I heard, the Senator emphasized the loyalty of some of the Nisei. He was strongly in favor of severe restriction of those who have expressed disloyalty to the United States, and it occurs to me that when these restrictive measures go into effect the loyalty of those released will be emphasized. At any rate, the solution of the entire problem is gradually being evolved into the general plan of recognition of loyalty and restriction of the disloyal.

Sincerely,

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